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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Census—			
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701
At 31st December—			
1942	970,410	989,086	1,959,496
1943	976,345	997,188	1,973,533
1944	983,251	1,006,619	1,989,870
1945	990,858	1,015,791	2,006,649
1946	999,584	1,025,891	2,025,475
1947 (a)	1,016,950	1,044,739	2,061,689
1948 (a)	1,040,640	1,065,675	2,106,315
At 30th September, 1949 (a)	1,065,656	1,086,630	2,152,286

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st December—								
1945	16,501	41,200	20,496	1,155	8·22	20·53	10·21	28·03
1946	21,405	46,693	21,534	1,268	10·57	23·05	10·63	27·16
1947	20,437	47,366	21,442	1,245	9·95	23·06	10·44	26·28
1948	20,035	46,099	21,825	1,103	9·59	22·06	10·44	23·93
1949	20,066	46,873	21,991	1,026	(b)	(b)	(b)	21·89
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.			
1949—								
March Quarter	5,160	11,591	4,606	256	9·80	22·01	8·75	22·09
June Quarter	5,136	11,003	5,525	234	9·66	20·69	10·39	21·27
September Quarter	4,129	11,945	6,707	289	7·72	22·34	12·54	24·19

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Not yet available.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—		September Quarter—	
	1947.	1948.	1948.	1949.
Tuberculosis	677	641	180	165
Cancer	2,908	2,895	743	767
Diabetes	437	453	147	140
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c.	2,338	2,446	775	782
Diseases of the Heart	6,728	7,093	2,299	2,339
Arteriosclerosis	551	473	151	163
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia	1,140	1,242	461	442
Nephritis	1,178	1,143	336	326
Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	724	637	167	149
Senility	563	585	190	146
Accidental Deaths	982	961	264	293

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1933—June ..	73.2	215.4	288.6	4.1	(e)	38.7	42.3	65.3		32.8	
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9	
1941—July ..	106.8	296.6	403.4	5.8	166.6	40.5	48.4	28.8	34.0	35.1	
1942—June ..	113.8	261.7	375.5	4.6	167.0	29.2	47.4	22.5	27.7	30.3	
1943—June ..	107.0	248.2	355.2	3.7	168.5	16.2	46.0	20.2	24.9	28.1	
1944—June ..	106.5	245.6	352.1	3.4	167.0	16.6	45.5	20.3	26.0	30.0	
1945—August ..	106.2	254.6	360.8	3.6	166.7	21.7	47.3	22.3	28.1	32.1	
1946—June ..	115.2	302.7	417.9	4.4	179.8	32.0	55.0	29.6	37.9	38.1	
1947—June ..	125.9	326.7	452.6	4.5	184.3	38.4	59.8	32.7	43.4	42.4	
1948—June ..	131.7	341.6	473.3	4.8	192.7	42.1	62.4	34.6	46.1	44.4	
1949—June ..	138.1	351.5	489.6	4.8	193.4	46.2	66.2	35.4	47.9	46.4	
July ..	137.9	349.4	487.3	4.1	192.7	46.2	66.5	35.4	47.1	45.6	
August ..	139.9	349.1	489.0	4.9	193.0	46.9	65.6	35.4	47.4	45.9	
September ..	140.8	351.2	492.0	4.8	195.2	47.5	66.2	35.7	48.2	46.2	
October ..	141.4	352.2	493.6	4.8	196.0	47.6	66.9	35.4	48.8	46.2	
November ..	142.5	354.8	497.3	4.8	197.1	48.2	66.7	36.0	49.5	46.6	
December ..	145.2	355.2	500.4	4.8	197.3	48.5	67.9	36.5	50.0	46.4	
FEMALES.											
1933—June ..	13.9	104.3	118.2	..	(e)	0.2	3.3	26.6		36.9	
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3	
1941—July ..	25.8	160.2	186.0	0.1	79.1	0.4	5.9	29.7	12.1	42.3	
1942—June ..	37.1	161.4	198.5	0.2	82.7	0.5	8.1	29.9	14.4	43.5	
1943—June ..	45.8	159.6	205.4	0.1	86.1	0.5	11.0	28.0	14.2	44.1	
1944—June ..	44.4	153.9	198.3	0.1	82.4	0.5	11.2	26.7	14.4	44.9	
1945—August ..	40.7	151.6	192.3	0.1	79.9	0.5	10.9	26.6	14.6	46.0	
1946—June ..	30.6	153.1	183.7	0.1	75.2	0.6	9.4	27.4	13.9	47.7	
1947—June ..	30.0	160.5	190.5	0.1	76.5	0.7	9.6	28.6	14.5	50.6	
1948—June ..	30.4	166.3	196.7	0.1	79.1	0.8	10.4	29.9	15.4	52.5	
1949—June ..	31.4	171.3	202.7	0.1	81.3	0.9	11.4	30.8	16.4	53.3	
July ..	31.3	170.7	202.0	0.1	80.9	0.9	11.2	30.7	16.2	53.2	
August ..	31.5	170.5	202.0	0.1	80.9	0.9	11.3	30.4	16.2	53.5	
September ..	31.5	171.2	202.7	0.1	82.0	0.9	11.1	30.5	16.6	53.5	
October ..	32.2	172.4	204.6	0.1	82.7	0.9	11.5	30.7	16.7	53.7	
November ..	32.2	174.3	206.5	0.1	83.7	0.9	11.5	31.5	16.7	53.9	
December ..	32.4	173.7	206.1	0.1	83.0	0.9	11.6	31.7	16.6	53.8	
PERSONS.											
1933—June ..	87.1	319.7	406.8	4.1	137.1	38.9	45.6	91.9		69.7	
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2	
1941—July ..	132.6	456.8	589.4	5.9	245.7	40.9	54.3	58.5	46.1	77.4	
1942—June ..	150.9	423.1	574.0	4.8	249.7	29.7	55.5	52.4	42.1	73.8	
1943—June ..	152.8	407.8	560.6	3.8	254.6	16.7	57.0	48.2	39.1	72.2	
1944—June ..	150.9	399.5	550.4	3.5	249.4	17.1	56.7	47.0	40.4	74.9	
1945—August ..	146.9	406.2	553.1	3.7	246.6	22.2	58.2	48.9	42.7	78.1	
1946—June ..	145.8	455.8	601.6	4.5	255.0	32.6	64.4	57.0	51.8	85.8	
1947—June ..	155.9	487.2	643.1	4.6	260.8	39.1	69.4	61.3	57.9	93.0	
1948—June ..	162.1	507.9	670.0	4.9	271.8	42.9	72.8	64.5	61.5	96.9	
1949—June ..	169.5	522.8	692.3	4.9	274.7	47.1	77.6	66.2	64.3	99.7	
July ..	169.2	520.1	689.3	4.2	273.6	47.1	77.7	66.1	63.3	98.8	
August ..	171.4	519.6	691.0	5.0	273.9	47.8	76.9	65.8	63.6	99.4	
September ..	172.3	522.4	694.7	4.9	277.2	48.4	77.3	66.2	64.8	99.7	
October ..	173.6	524.6	698.2	4.9	278.7	48.5	78.4	66.1	65.5	99.9	
November ..	174.7	529.1	703.8	4.9	280.8	49.1	78.2	67.5	66.2	100.5	
December ..	177.6	528.9	706.5	4.9	280.3	49.4	79.5	68.2	66.6	100.2	

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., excluding female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8.6
1939 " " " " " "	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10.4
1942 " " " " " "	142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1.2
1943 " " " " " "	142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0.7
1944 " " " " " "	141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0.8
1945 " " " " " "	139	306,649	77	186,112	1,548	0.9
1946 " " " " " "	138	324,380	75	191,632	2,400	1.3
1947 " " " " " "	137	337,502	74	204,500	2,423	1.2
1948 " " " " " "	136	363,661	74	212,831	1,762	0.8
1949 " " " " " "	..	..	74	222,955	1,719	0.8
1932—June Quarter (a) .. .. .	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27.7
1948—September Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	214,461	2,117	1.0
December Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	217,970	1,577	0.7
1949—March Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	221,521	1,598	0.7
June Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	223,440	1,839	0.8
September Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	221,225	2,032	0.9
December Quarter .. .. .	..	..	74	225,634	1,405	0.6

(a) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)
(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1947—February	107 0	101 0	103 0	104 0	107 0	106 0
May	107 0	102 0	103 0	106 0	107 0	107 0
August	108 0	104 0	104 0	107 0	108 0	108 0
November	109 0	104 0	105 0	108 0	109 0	109 0
1948—February	113 0	108 0	108 0	111 0	112 0	112 0
May	115 0	110 0	111 0	113 0	114 0	114 0
August	117 0	112 0	112 0	115 0	116 0	116 0
November	120 0	115 0	115 0	119 0	119 0	120 0
1949—February	123 0	119 0	118 0	121 0	122 0	123 0
May	125 0	120 0	120 0	123 0	123 0	124 0
August	128 0	124 0	124 0	126 0	127 0	128 0
November	130 0	125 0	125 0	128 0	128 0	129 0
1950—February	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Town— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1940 ..	964	906	920	941	954	960
„ 1941 ..	1,008	950	963	984	998	1,004
„ 1942 ..	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
„ 1943 ..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
„ 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
„ 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
1947—March Quarter	1,159	1,104	1,118	1,144	1,164	1,156
June Quarter	1,175	1,123	1,130	1,161	1,175	1,171
September Qr.	1,189	1,132	1,139	1,170	1,185	1,185
December Qr.	1,227	1,170	1,177	1,203	1,219	1,223
1948—March Quarter	1,249	1,199	1,206	1,233	1,240	1,246
June Quarter	1,272	1,222	1,222	1,256	1,266	1,268
September Qr.	1,309	1,256	1,256	1,296	1,297	1,305
December Qr.	1,345	1,294	1,290	1,325	1,329	1,341
1949—March Quarter	1,363	1,315	1,314	1,344	1,349	1,359
June Quarter..	1,402	1,355	1,355	1,385	1,387	1,399
September Qr.	1,422	1,369	1,366	1,401	1,404	1,417
December Qr.	1,472	1,420	1,424	1,457	1,451	1,468

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 88 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928-29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.
(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861 Year ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 " ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881 " ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891 " ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 " ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 " ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921 " ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 " ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1939 " ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 " ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 " ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943 " ..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 " ..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945 " ..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946 " ..	2,262	2,062	1,956	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163
1947 " ..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360
1948 " ..	2,829	3,619	2,383	2,104	2,435	2,976	4,631	3,180	2,824

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1931-32 "	1,081	1,134	765	1,195	738	951	857	996	932	946
1938-39 "	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1940-41 "	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 "	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 "	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 "	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,823	1,217	1,396
1944-45 "	1,307	1,675	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 "	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,348	1,782	1,257	1,412
1946-47 "	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,401	1,313	1,802	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1947-48 "	1,460	1,607	2,833	1,478	1,261	1,898	1,532	1,924	1,448	1,588
1948-49 "	1,849	1,737	3,419	1,594	1,301	1,983	1,747	2,008	1,727	1,809
1948-49—										
July ..	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,948	1,614	2,000	1,573	1,699
August ..	1,651	1,724	3,328	1,537	1,347	1,952	1,699	2,025	1,629	1,745
September ..	1,697	1,733	3,371	1,538	1,347	1,964	1,689	2,017	1,639	1,750
October ..	1,697	1,734	3,197	1,593	1,347	1,964	1,688	2,015	1,636	1,747
November ..	1,876	1,734	3,484	1,592	1,349	1,966	1,735	2,008	1,724	1,807
December ..	1,876	1,734	3,650	1,595	1,312	1,985	1,761	2,010	1,751	1,827
January ..	1,936	1,741	3,639	1,623	1,275	1,986	1,765	2,011	1,769	1,840
February ..	1,936	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,268	1,986	1,801	2,016	1,797	1,861
March ..	1,965	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,250	2,002	1,798	2,000	1,809	1,865
April ..	1,966	1,744	3,197	1,623	1,265	2,002	1,805	2,005	1,795	1,856
May ..	1,966	1,746	3,196	1,623	1,250	2,017	1,809	2,002	1,801	1,859
June ..	1,966	1,746	3,200	1,623	1,247	2,021	1,805	1,991	1,803	1,858
1949-50—										
July ..	2,090	1,745	3,313	1,624	1,185	2,021	(b)1,862	2,057	(b)1,848	(b)1,910
August ..	2,090	1,745	3,385	(b)1,632	1,210	2,053	(b)1,857	(b)2,066	(b)1,848	(b)1,912
September ..	2,091	1,726	(b)3,327	1,624	1,231	2,079	(b)1,852	2,041	(b)1,853	(b)1,908
October ..	2,093	1,726	3,665	1,798	1,249	2,080	1,876	2,085	1,876	1,937
November ..	2,093	1,888	3,864	1,798	1,343	2,081	1,915	2,171	1,910	1,987
December ..	2,144	1,888	4,239	1,936	1,417	2,081	1,971	2,208	1,973	2,042

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Revised figures.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period.		Widows Pensions (b) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allow- ances (c) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (e)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(d)	..	..
1920-21 „ ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31 „ ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39 „ ..	(a)67,896	(a)19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1940-41 „ ..	76,371	12,447	..	..	19,150	..	..
1941-42 „ ..	75,240	12,550	..	..	16,120	124,463	219,680
1942-43 „ ..	72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943-44 „ ..	69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944-45 „ ..	67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945-46 „ ..	69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1946-47 „ ..	74,770	14,673	3,732	8,579	50,730	141,826	240,810
1947-48 „ ..	78,057	15,165	4,010	7,249	46,027	148,249	251,145
1948-49 „ ..	81,753	15,575	3,937	7,227	46,309	157,625	265,672
1st July, 1949, to 2nd January, 1950	82,791	15,272	3,963	7,281	47,229	162,688	273,306

(a) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

(c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(d) Not available.

(e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)				Sickness Benefits.(a)			
	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403
1946-47 „ ..	15,645	542	641	26	11,226	3,324	1,819	649
1947-48 „ ..	971	58	65	1	12,742	4,363	1,757	749
1948-49 „ ..	248	40	40	11	12,525	4,187	2,548	896
1948-49—								
July ..	44	7	49	4	1,624	547	1,950	797
August ..	34	1	35	3	1,100	398	1,953	840
September ..	25	4	26	3	1,080	324	1,976	810
October ..	19	4	29	5	1,191	417	1,936	793
November ..	12	5	22	4	925	331	1,957	787
December ..	16	3	27	2	830	291	1,892	745
January ..	13	3	20	5	854	286	2,006	773
February ..	23	..	15	3	907	305	2,060	801
March ..	11	3	17	4	898	327	2,101	845
April ..	14	3	20	6	1,113	365	2,215	845
May ..	14	2	25	8	1,016	328	2,381	921
June ..	23	5	40	11	987	268	2,548	896

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1943	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
At 31st December,						
1949	45,020	13,601	58,106	116,727	2,748	1,126

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars are inclusive of war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War and of service pensions in respect of the South African War and 1914–1918 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate (a).		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
Entered.								
1938-39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1946-47 " ..	196	895	274	1,381	1,209	2,568	1,679	4,844
1947-48 " ..	238	1,060	384	1,930	1,224	2,690	1,846	5,680
1948-49 " ..	322	1,461	456	2,522	1,290	3,072	2,068	7,055
1948-49—								
September Quarter ..	71	308	102	568	304	692	477	1,568
December Quarter ..	72	315	116	619	346	841	534	1,775
March Quarter ..	86	381	122	680	323	778	531	1,839
June Quarter ..	93	457	116	655	317	761	526	1,873
1949-50—								
September Quarter ..	87	408	138	737	290	675	515	1,820
Cleared.								
1938-39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1946-47 " ..	183	824	269	1,294	1,207	2,686	1,659	4,804
1947-48 " ..	223	984	325	1,540	1,277	3,084	1,825	5,608
1948-49 " ..	268	1,214	406	2,079	1,407	3,809	2,081	7,102
1948-49—								
September Quarter ..	61	274	101	491	325	850	487	1,615
December Quarter ..	65	294	96	492	360	963	521	1,749
March Quarter ..	63	272	98	528	355	988	516	1,788
June Quarter ..	79	374	111	568	367	1,008	557	1,950
1949-50—								
September Quarter ..	77	350	105	576	324	872	506	1,798

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

Note.—The statement excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
	£	£	£
BRITISH CURRENCY.			
Year ended 30th June—			
1939	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1947	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.			
1948	120,503,712	96,292	120,600,004
1949	145,342,923	230,264	145,573,187
Six months ended 31st December,			
1949 (a)	83,543,904	680,951	84,224,855
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).			
	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June—			
1939	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1947	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
1948	115,357,695	605,844	115,963,539
1949 (b)	136,311,926	147,303	136,459,229
Six months ended 31st December,			
1949 (a)	62,867,222	2,315	62,869, 537

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Revised figures

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(As a result of an amendment to the *Customs Act* 1901–1936, the basis of valuation of imports for duty was varied on the 15th November, 1947. Prior to that date imports were valued in British Currency and represented the F.O.B. value at Port of Shipment plus the statutory ten per centum imposed for value for duty purposes. From 15th November, 1947, the statutory ten per centum was eliminated and all imports were valued in Australian Currency, the value for duty of imports therefore represents the F.O.B. Value at Port of Shipment.)

Article	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS— Fish—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Preserved in Tins	117,485	109,900	432,052	149,312
Other	73,910	45,981	158,670	101,437
Other Animal Foodstuffs	52,836	28,123	79,581	70,379
Total, Class I.	244,231	184,004	670,303	321,128

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Nuts, Edible	45,247	75,792	125,191	168,077
Spices	39,238	66,618	66,668	138,126
Coffee and Chicory	40,827	86,004	140,492	125,020
Tea	571,361	1,105,602	1,197,380	1,902,211
Cocoa and Chocolate	81,586	212,375	329,403	558,697
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	147,537	235,746	219,175	398,793
Total, Class II.	925,796	1,782,137	2,078,309	3,290,924
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	56,014	50,612	114,576	86,437
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF—				
Tobacco—				
Unmanufactured	487,043	966,724	973,089	1,236,749
Manufactured	34,115	23,397	52,002	45,543
Cigarettes	316,597	343,427	553,373	645,108
Cigars, Snuff, &c.	7,750	5,553	8,388	9,897
Total, Class IV.	845,505	1,339,101	1,586,852	1,937,297
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	39,461	7,833	83,193	38,278
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	104,158	104,630	218,333	188,224
Wool	54,704	10,931	87,628	91,426
Silk, Raw	171,730	765	289,907	14,626
Other Animal Substances	60,057	56,750	108,594	125,577
Total, Class VI.	390,649	173,076	704,462	419,853
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	236,430	191,891	263,507	274,597
Fibres	244,589	520,792	2,149,780	830,319
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	26,037	26,355	60,487	51,095
Cork and Cork Manufactures	25,157	17,169	53,443	47,208
Plastic Materials (except Fibres) ..	215,196	161,777	394,451	398,035
Other Vegetable Substances	94,745	68,200	235,581	160,551
Total, Class VII.	842,154	986,184	3,157,249	1,761,805

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Yarns	1,227,982	1,003,570	3,458,199	2,131,332
Manufactured Fibres	985,402	1,606,867	1,435,563	2,184,407
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	5,037,512	5,289,317	11,135,752	10,642,687
Other	1,208,146	1,511,541	2,704,617	2,612,976
Apparel	1,240,150	1,362,819	2,344,766	2,622,043
Total, Class VIII. ..	9,699,192	10,774,114	21,078,897	20,193,445
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Linseed Oil	116,247	15,324	273,375	68,624
Paraffin Wax	60,537	36,580	135,314	59,646
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	1,581,813	1,823,895	3,017,336	3,570,949
Kerosene	283,267	173,030	625,953	452,843
Residual	700,506	433,740	1,396,119	760,646
Solar	75,133	374,590	87,179	624,516
Lubricating (Mineral)	241,520	261,132	625,606	622,697
Other	43,246	63,499	99,190	103,972
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	85,711	135,369	240,623	242,092
Total, Class IX. ..	3,187,980	3,317,159	6,500,695	6,505,985
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	177,681	134,437	380,891	318,311
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	370,674	796,436	620,754	1,380,825
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	892,682	1,417,216	1,722,408	2,868,273
Other	111,081	847,764	223,409	1,352,599
Tools of Trade	148,959	217,955	295,295	401,722
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	515,995	272,846	943,209	492,954
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	11,319	86,661	16,794	137,615
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	2,612,808	6,431,553	5,576,891	10,705,636
Other Vehicles and Parts	277,680	489,069	531,676	880,765
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	985,222	1,927,533	1,953,791	3,401,691
Total, Class XII.(a) ..	5,555,746	11,690,597	11,263,473	20,241,255

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIP- MENT, ETC.—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Dynamo Electrical Machinery ..	343,955	273,684	608,907	609,666
Wireless (Radio) Equipment ..	35,709	16,296	61,984	37,021
Other Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	808,994	1,164,957	1,671,961	2,157,559
Total, Class XII.(b) ..	1,188,658	1,454,937	2,342,852	2,804,246
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances	1,212,780	1,800,891	2,112,940	3,533,147
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances	311,497	559,676	726,179	919,833
Roller and Ball Bearings	148,941	253,039	312,281	517,634
Other Machines and Machinery ..	1,721,798	2,563,705	3,144,203	5,076,728
Total, Class XII.(c) ..	3,395,016	5,177,311	6,295,603	10,047,342
Total, Class XII. ..	10,139,420	18,322,845	19,901,928	33,092,843
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Mas- ticated, &c.	608,354	448,584	1,101,848	819,158
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	107,198	377,915	182,519	646,698
Elastics	41,799	29,244	94,163	67,538
Other	101,032	65,779	190,517	122,436
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	48,819	57,890	108,178	99,342
Total, Class XIII. ..	907,202	979,412	1,677,225	1,755,172
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	781,399	574,274	1,346,388	1,153,702
Other Wood and Wicker	64,276	86,699	122,751	160,939
Total, Class XIV. ..	845,675	660,973	1,469,139	1,314,641
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—				
Glass and Glassware	189,875	262,907	441,440	516,901
Crockery and Household Ware ..	241,634	321,989	523,656	530,167
Other Earthenware, &c.	168,658	284,661	335,876	408,253
Total, Class XV. ..	600,167	869,557	1,300,972	1,455,321

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Pulp for Papermaking	181,959	11,501	703,799	127,006
Paper—				
Printing	422,513	516,286	695,713	978,504
Writing and Typewriting	114,620	45,502	240,109	97,029
Wrapping	218,847	82,454	387,699	156,072
Other	233,549	192,704	504,592	384,518
Millboards and Other Boards	71,926	54,312	142,770	116,139
Total, Class XVI.(a)	1,243,414	902,759	2,674,682	1,859,268
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	286,170	313,219	504,718	598,428
Other Stationery, &c.	260,312	293,752	495,103	572,499
Total, Class XVI.(b)	546,482	606,971	999,821	1,170,927
Total, Class XVI.	1,789,896	1,509,730	3,674,503	3,030,195
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	232,283	264,456	432,786	519,486
Jewellery	127,169	145,993	284,843	242,526
Timepieces	117,372	230,936	225,964	418,810
Total, Class XVII.	476,824	641,385	943,593	1,180,822
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	346,531	384,847	660,664	718,820
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	998,046	720,242	1,959,895	1,433,542
Fertilizers	157,475	167,032	400,904	450,516
Total, Class XIX.	1,155,521	887,274	2,360,799	1,884,058
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	249,818	129,969	358,762	239,015
Bags, Baskets, &c... ..	39,664	58,667	70,154	109,673
Brushware	30,229	36,072	54,110	61,628
Outside Packages	617,083	891,764	1,287,418	1,659,031
All Other Articles	319,646	453,887	613,767	788,397
Total, Class XX.	1,256,440	1,570,359	2,384,211	2,857,744
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE	63,115	378,542	78,861	680,951
Grand Total	34,360,128	45,750,017	71,428,076	84,224,855

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	71,945	7,463	93,926	18,544
Lamb	217,873	1,233,068	257,203	1,468,118
Mutton	10,554	290,836	33,257	335,009
Pork	11,205	24,704	30,673	69,131
Poultry	149,599	119,735	276,873	305,852
Rabbits and Hares	179,940	526,481	963,021	1,724,206
Other	28,272	76,981	78,234	123,094
Preserved in Tins	739,555	1,019,191	1,474,643	1,921,269
Sausage Casings	59,806	212,964	99,861	357,274
Other	51,470	60,663	126,023	115,942
Butter	4,276,611	740,325	4,908,208	1,945,864
Cheese	662,630	125,224	962,340	642,334
Eggs	753,973	797,736	906,295	1,029,962
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	96,758	111,280	166,699	173,268
Honey	153,849	10,955	198,011	76,698
Milk and Cream	1,300,609	1,348,538	1,655,266	1,749,173
Other Animal Foodstuffs	33,314	43,440	68,215	141,782
Total, Class I.	8,797,963	6,749,584	12,298,748	12,197,520
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	175	2,676,256	2,219,604	7,119,542
Oats	817,518	49,800	2,084,726	89,704
Barley	106,000	58,112	520,974	291,155
Other	910	2,054	5,302	24,767
Prepared—				
Barley, pearl and scotch	11,498	2,499	75,015	5,870
Rice	113,047	55,057	171,184	130,973
Flour (Wheaten)	2,230,906	2,629,442	6,610,133	4,928,761
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	61,652	46,749	186,333	100,743
Other	616,770	31,847	1,123,257	94,991
Macaroni and Vermicelli	23,524	21,568	46,625	57,458
Biscuits	502	733	1,093	901
Vegetables—				
Potatoes, Fresh	1,561	42,632	22,751	76,283
Peas	53,402	18,268	155,147	58,859
Preserved in liquid and pulped	20,237	186,791	35,023	391,414
Other	155,776	60,245	290,684	103,374
Fruits—				
Fresh	114,228	99,532	239,531	253,554
Dried	313,800	177,199	1,804,238	1,077,255
Preserved in liquid	953,213	448,854	1,765,453	1,174,552
Pulped	8,641	19,447	16,598	23,687
Fruit Juices	97,299	24,488	297,868	142,153
Jams and Jellies	515,195	295,710	650,195	793,824
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	476,449	443,033	658,497	842,305
Total, Class II.	6,692,303	7,390,316	18,980,231	17,782,125
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	101,434	66,750	147,093	123,934

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	57,122	18,754	58,615	19,503
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	12,252	5,034	28,953	7,531
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	208,281	194,239	1,003,666	396,304
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	75,903	46,902	132,166	134,118
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	789,036	1,090,639	1,408,686	1,949,643
Other	4,005	35,094	7,784	37,326
Wool—				
Greasy	12,136,141	16,314,465	17,029,743	19,003,700
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	2,387,193	2,787,150	4,732,343	5,105,715
Other Animal Substances	5,664	1,456	6,693	5,157
Total, Class VI.	15,606,223	20,469,945	24,321,081	26,631,963
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	35,481	55,785	92,107	96,234
Fibres	1,818	26,752	24,813	36,517
Other Vegetable Substances	18,658	21,842	34,565	42,073
Total, Class VII.	55,957	104,379	151,485	174,824
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	201,079	165,056	420,911	313,496
Textiles	228,645	242,007	446,703	427,402
Apparel	58,432	55,520	110,097	121,655
Total, Class VIII.	488,156	462,583	977,711	862,553
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, inedible	65,468	153,431	128,924	367,579
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	126,510	132,580	220,799	210,343
Total, Class IX.	191,978	286,011	349,723	577,922
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	21,975	32,762	36,730	57,581
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.	210,001	167,480	299,703	284,156
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANU- FACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	379,937	453,369	838,529	840,423
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	70,255	64,956	164,095	125,045
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	306,995	345,037	874,313	860,059
Total, Class XII.	757,187	863,362	1,876,937	1,825,527

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	13,068	16,306	28,967	28,904
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	209,810	190,607	403,513	433,556
Total, Class XIII. ..	222,878	206,913	432,480	462,460
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	13,960	20,932	36,664	39,156
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	15,848	22,643	36,401	50,796
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board	12,594	11,668	49,109	19,705
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	48,069	56,217	91,171	104,704
Total, Class XVI. ..	60,663	67,885	140,280	124,409
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	24,604	79,121	42,992	105,012
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	60,815	77,121	136,202	180,454
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap	1,799	32,742	3,315	37,143
Fertilizers	1,942	36	1,942	51
Other Drugs and Chemicals	249,933	275,005	459,761	461,741
Total, Class XIX. ..	253,674	307,783	465,018	498,935
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	68,346	150,647	157,616	350,050
Personal and Household Effects ..	66,953	40,528	102,481	93,950
All Other Articles	208,545	203,894	336,218	416,861
Total, Class XX. ..	343,844	395,069	596,315	860,861
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	1,542	..	146,692	2,315
Australian Produce	33,817,788	37,475,228	60,800,347	62,212,955
Other Produce	172,591	319,199	759,707	656,582
Grand Total	33,990,379	37,794,427	61,560,054	62,869,537

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1949 (a).
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
	British Currency Values—	Australian Currency Values—		
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	14,540,751	48,661,112	78,446,789	45,616,719
Australian Territories	577,999	276,392	761,085	402,653
Borneo (British)	12,458	226,772	223,517	113,125
Canada	2,665,240	5,247,001	3,348,326	1,625,185
Ceylon	213,320	3,360,294	2,579,725	1,387,139
East Africa (British)	36,197	180,601	901,725	219,908
Hong Kong	7,251	68,877	144,573	90,672
India, Dominion of	793,488	8,023,371	6,822,945	4,567,124
Malaya, Federation of	485,251	1,688,401	1,656,791	866,607
New Zealand	991,983	1,350,795	1,433,600	1,095,692
Pacific Islands (British)	93,248	198,558	74,619	51,368
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	14,132	232,105	671,674	401,802
Singapore	(b)	99,639	723,869	476,593
South Africa, Union of	84,676	1,194,078	871,503	512,837
West Africa (British)	69,280	580,368	458,707	313,957
Other British Possessions	92,170	567,893	377,392	204,553
Arabia—				
Bahrein Islands	266,517	1,759,779	1,175,532	646,408
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,180	258,306	240,425	222,875
Austria	27,519	49,715	136,170	94,991
Belgium	353,216	1,721,610	983,134	519,427
Brazil	39,034	508,860	490,722	547,270
China	140,900	440,563	584,617	169,055
Czechoslovakia	196,669	714,718	1,552,682	710,170
Egypt	70,436	280,212	532,207	15,582
Finland	102,237	470,709	943,526	190,504
France	394,105	1,206,719	1,474,259	1,206,345
Germany	1,537,847	379,509	969,701	958,420
Italy	257,160	985,011	1,640,724	1,341,997
Japan	1,716,486	653,523	685,800	1,235,097
Netherlands	209,945	853,370	1,169,374	523,527
Netherlands Dependency—Indonesia	2,044,057	938,918	3,645,601	1,901,428
Norway	143,595	1,088,233	1,204,216	444,585
Persia (Iran)	382,568	3,165,046	3,311,283	1,841,014
Poland	15,696	48,143	133,297	57,678
Portugal	55,247	165,754	77,375	33,751
Spain	23,520	46,535	206,743	80,540
Sweden	459,959	1,985,918	3,901,204	1,192,651
Switzerland	406,975	743,390	768,039	416,249
United States of America	4,792,784	27,042,090	16,444,543	9,593,292
Uruguay .. .. .	..	53,614	203,568	..
Other Foreign Countries	393,163	707,701	740,594	638,888
Country not stated .. .. .	..	143,136	127,478	38,147
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	34,710,259	118,367,339	142,839,654	82,565,825

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1949 (a).
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
	Australian Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	15,266,925	43,924,370	(d) 54,019,343	21,401,274
Aden and Dependencies	15,274	157,465	378,515	61,508
Australian Territories	139,477	308,100	331,139	198,808
Borneo (British)	3,958	135,307	133,168	89,858
Canada	492,839	1,668,803	3,286,456	1,445,218
Ceylon	144,742	3,573,898	(d) 3,322,961	1,344,803
Cyprus	16,942	114,941	273,164	51,419
East Africa (British)	2,625	142,178	212,083	77,598
Eire	549	347,280	66,812	30,813
Guiana (British)	4,324	146,345	157,796	109,265
Hong Kong	164,238	2,913,620	(d) 1,390,423	1,271,834
India, Dominion of	342,958	10,105,140	5,869,801	5,612,351
Malaya, Federation of	618,214	* 3,494,769	(d) 3,017,338	662,254
Malta and Gozo	49,054	199,269	248,669	129,558
Mauritius and Dependencies	64,568	915,134	132,877	603,683
New Zealand	1,906,752	4,465,176	4,487,918	3,617,223
Pacific Islands (British)	116,218	283,523	235,056	182,965
Pakistan, Dominion of	(b)	(b)	510,307	73,564
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	6,393	89,513	198,332	273,618
Singapore	(c)	2,209,309	(d) 2,244,163	1,526,921
South Africa, Union of	500,433	904,330	1,025,950	394,736
West Africa (British)	643	85,408	111,608	60,779
West Indies (British)	72,270	403,265	447,169	280,042
Other British Possessions	46,972	232,146	(d) 214,283	332,031
Arabia	1,036	71,200	304,445	83,907
Austria	36	74,700	182,113	60,482
Belgium	654,276	2,822,414	2,174,934	750,171
Burma	22,727	686,479	319,968	115,018
China	576,750	1,011,869	474,163	129,864
Czechoslovakia	23,763	169,743	314,619	639,490
Denmark	16,796	585,924	1,054,294	331,720
Egypt	73,572	2,111,360	(d) 2,852,170	336,528
France	2,167,616	7,304,353	9,904,908	3,205,939
Germany	450,788	1,141,279	1,635,470	1,331,958
Greece	46,147	80,308	211,031	78,756
Iraq	46	137,535	346,849	43,235
Italy	272,391	3,285,383	8,478,145	1,341,154
Japan	1,690,971	350,796	991,732	1,989,772
Mexico	35,134	150,789	593,605	133,235
Netherlands	149,453	473,677	1,414,320	311,309
Netherlands Dependency—Indonesia	613,570	5,813	610,796	4,499
Norway	17,963	157,093	170,279	154,324
Palestine	4,232	2,531,792	452,395	54,811
Persia (Iran)	26	150,856	260,212	142,936
Peru	1,674	1,826	1	1,208,721
Philippine Republic	96,968	55,183	169,665	84,850
Poland	121,660	301,859	2,400,125	1,365,975
Siam (Thailand)	41,241	127,804	324,482	197,822
Soviet Russia .. .. .	..	2,027,568	6,186,834	2,256,988
Sweden	171,354	942,942	1,821,833	663,928
Switzerland	4,002	307,330	175,161	150,483
Syria and Lebanon	28	79,747	233,755	195,588
Turkey	14,414	513,035	966,380	36,269
United States of America	3,378,036	10,650,290	7,746,201	5,355,884
Yugoslavia	4,078	127,338	387,187	1,923
Other Foreign Countries	191,896	705,965	(d) 985,826	279,875
Country not stated .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Total	30,819,012	115,963,539	(d) 136,459,229	62,869,537

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Included in "India, Dominion of".

(c) Included in "Malaya, Federation of".

(d) Revised figures.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.				Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1949 (a).
				1947.	1948.	1949.	
Wool— Greasy	lb. £	193,595,564 20,799,838	172,361,720 29,605,003	229,736,479 49,294,258	81,841,549 19,003,700		
Scoured and Washed .. .	lb. £	44,391,722 6,658,839	40,605,587 7,247,658	41,428,700 8,882,898	18,279,387 4,407,406		
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. .	lb. £	9,845,839 2,157,926	8,939,815 2,132,359	8,542,137 2,144,909	3,373,131 698,309		
Butter	lb. £	82,594,500 7,766,346	82,259,802 9,212,338	74,548,505 9,848,594	14,955,053 1,945,864		
Wheat	centals £	410,976 312,072	7,935,448 11,626,097	5,817,051 (b) 6,943,781	5,874,878 7,119,542		
Flour (wheaten) .. .	centals £	4,429,523 7,025,624	5,913,322 11,653,993	5,457,734 (b) 10,802,761	2,944,506 4,928,761		
Fruits— Dried	lb. £	70,682,940 1,682,138	63,918,567 1,554,839	89,417,178 2,404,127	36,780,252 1,077,255		
Fresh	lb. £	19,131,200 477,743	32,171,900 657,620	39,476,100 875,282	10,941,900 253,554		
Preserved in Liquid .. .	lb. £	45,197,285 1,368,813	60,326,484 1,843,754	81,817,460 2,761,821	46,031,920 1,174,552		
Meats— Beef (frozen) .. .	lb. £	17,909,891 445,946	4,121,732 137,160	2,426,953 122,896	510,693 18,544		
Lamb (frozen) .. .	lb. £	79,827,160 2,576,358	66,926,694 2,558,208	45,879,001 1,867,851	31,136,001 1,468,118		
Mutton (frozen) .. .	lb. £	29,936,686 486,341	10,815,783 213,859	12,620,225 278,064	13,319,177 335,009		
Pork (frozen) .. .	lb. £	4,013,637 169,480	1,160,739 73,765	3,212,503 212,424	951,398 69,131		
Poultry (frozen) .. .	£	221,147	595,112	644,470	305,852		
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) .. .	pairs £	4,528,137 528,825	9,279,969 1,353,986	14,993,415 2,390,701	(c) 9,147,768 (c) 1,715,648		
Preserved in Tins .. .	lb. £	34,444,231 2,061,345	26,543,062 1,525,841	46,460,459 2,545,970	25,974,154 1,921,269		
Sausage Casings .. .	cwt. £	10,437 271,727	9,085 329,684	8,776 386,030	7,700 357,274		
All Other Meats	£	357,232	379,846	421,321	339,036		
Milk and Cream	£	2,733,230	2,961,437	3,271,799	1,749,173		
Hides and Skins— Sheep (with wool) .. .	lb. £	54,476,850 3,379,693	32,038,120 3,246,515	30,768,333 3,230,725	17,576,927 1,827,145		
Rabbit and Hare .. .	lb. £	4,947,452 2,020,950	5,520,569 1,786,345	4,110,507 1,142,571	2,770,942 396,304		
Other Skins	£	340,946	196,158	287,845	293,942		
Tallow (inedible) .. .	cwt. £	16,895 94,682	30,324 195,140	56,573 340,858	86,463 367,579		
Eggs in shell	dozen £	3,479,898 230,238	4,195,405 461,553	5,128,724 601,628	5,787,745 753,897		
Eggs not in shell .. .	£	895,374	1,103,221	978,966	276,065		
Cheese	lb. £	30,311,114 1,430,698	25,575,894 1,697,685	29,536,079 2,169,093	7,541,568 642,334		

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Revised figures.

(c) Quantity and value of carcasses only. In addition, 143,900 lb. (value, £8,558) of rabbit and hare meat other than carcasses were exported.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Six Months Ended 31st December, 1949.
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Average Mileage Operated ..	4,754	4,748	4,725	4,712	(a)
Traffic Train Miles Run '000	17,890	15,539	16,819	17,352	8,397
Passengers Journeys .. '000	142,124	170,165	182,210	176,555	83,877
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	6,861	7,757	8,155	3,925
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	700	683	704	(b)137

(a) Not yet available.

(b) For three months ended 30th September, 1949.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1949.
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
Gross Revenue £'000	9,284	16,321	17,274	9,320
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	15,225	17,816	9,704
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	1,096	— 542	— 384
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,154	2,161	(d)
Net Result for Year £'000	— 944	— 1,058	— 2,703	(d)
Net Earnings on Capital Cost (c) .. %	2·33	2·01	— 0·97	(d)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Capital cost as written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

(d) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1949.
	1939.	1948.	1949.	
Tramway Track Open—				
Double miles	(a) 127·3	126·2	126·2	126·2
Single miles	5·9	5·2	5·2	5·2
Motor Omnibus Route miles	48·6	68·6	68·7	68·7
Vehicle Mileage—				
Tramways '000	22,981	22,554	23,120	10,770
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	7,875	8,096	4,157
Passenger Journeys—				
Tramways '000	182,094	255,831	266,440	123,902
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	67,154	72,333	36,969
Revenue—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Traffic Receipts	2,305	3,839	4,030	2,145
Other	15	17	23	11
Total Revenue	2,320	3,856	4,053	2,156
Operating Expenses	(b) 1,517	(b) 3,099	(c) 4,171	(c) 2,197
Surplus on Operation	803	757	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. .. .	..	..	118	41

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

(c) Including rates, interest and depreciation, but excluding appropriations.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.				Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
				Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1946-47	..	..	..	6,122	3,222	1,411	10,755	1,642
1947-48	..	..	..	12,164	6,055	3,293	21,512	3,479
1948-49	..	..	..	18,312	7,234	4,283	29,829	5,048
Six months ended 31st December, 1949	..	..	..	13,535	4,925	3,258	21,718	3,327
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1946-47	..	..	..	9,874	6,246	2,983	19,103	5,428
1947-48	..	..	..	7,896	4,472	2,466	14,834	3,862
1948-49	..	..	..	8,693	4,320	2,891	15,904	3,718
Six months ended 31st December, 1949	..	..	..	5,386	2,130	1,397	8,913	2,027
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1946-47	..	..	..	137,859	44,689	53,548	236,096	19,102
1947-48	..	..	..	147,271	50,433	55,233	252,937	21,742
1948-49	..	..	..	158,038	56,035	56,451	270,524	22,739
Six months ended 31st December, 1949	..	..	..	95,488	31,699	29,569	156,756	12,710
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.								
1938-39 Year	..	..	..	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1946-47	..	..	..	153,855	54,157	57,942	265,954	26,172
1947-48	..	..	..	167,331	60,960	60,992	289,283	29,083
1948-49	..	..	..	185,043	67,589	63,625	316,257	31,505
Six months ended 31st December, 1949	..	..	..	114,409	38,754	34,224	187,387	18,064

(a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

Type of Licence.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	1,172	963	907
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	2,192	4,377	2,863
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	3,364	5,340	3,770
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	2,348	2,563	2,851
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	1,058	1,367	1,724
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	3,406	3,930	4,575
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	9,136	8,780	9,951
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,038	955	1,066
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,022	7,467	8,653
Primary Producers	699	4,275	4,829	5,987
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	473	469	553
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	26,554	27,012	30,211
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	3,741	4,294	4,962
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	53,239	53,806	61,383
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	283	335	340
Grand Total	35,970	60,292	63,411	70,068

VICTORIA —TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
<i>City of Melbourne.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	4,161	5,631
1946-47 „	1,104	34	1,254	2,018	3,122
1947-48 „	1,073	34	1,169	2,023	3,096
1948-49 „	1,208	39	1,322	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	279	4	295	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	302	13	327	(a)	(a)
March Quarter	293	4	331	(a)	(a)
June Quarter	334	18	369	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	314	17	350	(a)	(a)
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>					
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	5,534	9,042
1946-47 „	3,515	155	3,997	3,949	7,464
1947-48 „	3,349	153	3,718	3,778	7,127
1948-49 „	3,503	194	3,954	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	842	61	924	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	892	41	1,028	(a)	(a)
March Quarter	847	28	967	(a)	(a)
June Quarter	922	64	1,035	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	1,037	39	1,217	(a)	(a)
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,558	194	1,973	2,265	3,823
1946-47 „	1,903	197	2,559	2,080	3,983
1947-48 „	1,880	175	2,323	2,232	4,062
1948-49 „	2,229	193	2,949	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	444	36	580	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	554	49	726	(a)	(a)
March Quarter	588	55	761	(a)	(a)
June Quarter	643	53	882	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	697	71	929	(a)	(a)
<i>Total—Victoria.</i>					
1938-39 Year	6,536	418	7,428	11,960	18,496
1946-47 „	6,522	386	7,810	8,047	14,569
1947-48 „	6,252	362	7,210	8,033	14,285
1948-49 „	6,940	426	8,225	(a)	(a)
1948-49—					
September Quarter ..	1,565	101	1,799	(a)	(a)
December Quarter ..	1,748	103	2,081	(a)	(a)
March Quarter	1,728	87	2,059	(a)	(a)
June Quarter	1,899	135	2,286	(a)	(a)
1949-50—					
September Quarter ..	2,048	127	2,496	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available.

VII.—FINANCE. VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	4,669	5,847	6,004	6,869
Railways	9,349	14,822	13,785	16,308	17,283
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	2,551	2,688	2,823	3,175
Land	387	882	825	846	959
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,511	1,580	1,740	1,955
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b) .. .. .	..	6,431	} 8,771	9,881	12,027
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement (b) ..	..	373			
All other Revenue	857	1,825	1,736	1,999	2,447
Total Revenue	26,986	35,191	37,359	41,728	46,842
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	£ s. d. 14 8 3	£ s. d. 17 9 2	£ s. d. 18 6 3	£ s. d. 20 3 4	£ s. d. 22 4 9

(a) For details see page 27.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942 and *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946*.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	6,214	6,055	6,166	6,325
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	645	585	587	542
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	1,407	1,474	1,555	1,715
Other	62	137	102	84	114
Railways	7,694	12,073	12,374	14,560	17,024
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	1,802	1,711	1,897	2,062
Education	3,123	4,362	5,216	6,244	7,232
Public Health	143	199	252	336	436
Hospitals	1,054	2,042	2,555	2,841	3,099
Other Charities (a)	2,302	584	537	721	931
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	1,769	2,028	2,277	2,722
All other Expenditure	2,962	3,951	4,465	5,014	6,023
Total Expenditure	27,773	35,185	37,354	42,282	48,225
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	£ s. d. 14 16 8	£ s. d. 17 9 1	£ s. d. 18 6 3	£ s. d. 20 8 8	£ s. d. 22 17 11

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	86	89	86	71
Land Tax	482	321	383	374	371
Probate Duty	1,374	1,825	2,461	2,096	2,573
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	1,071	1,335	1,482	1,656
Motor Taxation	1,914	1,847	2,094	2,389	2,647
Entertainments	677	878	969	1,252	1,402
Liquor	255	389	484	551	607
All other Taxes	110	110	127	135	136
Paid to Consolidated Revenue..	10,085	4,669	5,847	6,004	6,869
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	1,858	2,095	2,361	2,594
Total	12,023	6,527	7,942	8,365	9,463
Commonwealth Reimbursements—					
Income Tax .. ..	..	6,431	} 8,771	9,881	12,027
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	373			
Total .. ..	..	6,804	8,771	9,881	12,027
Grand Total	12,023	13,331	16,713	18,246	21,490
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 5	3 4 9	3 17 10	4 0 10	4 9 10
Commonwealth Reimbursements	..	3 7 6	4 6 0	4 15 6	5 14 3
Total	6 8 5	6 12 3	8 3 10	8 16 4	10 4 1

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1949.
	1947.	1948.	1949.	
	£	£	£	£
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	488,050	479,275	1,344,265	53,325,542
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Roads and Bridges	38,866	26,639	392,326	13,124,350
Water Supply and Sewerage	1,466,122	1,895,260	2,265,809	38,394,149
Electricity Supply .. ..	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools	539,436	609,867	1,023,202	8,616,007
Hospitals	176,230	213,343	357,497	2,261,473
Other	81,950	180,268	228,380	2,060,835
Housing	528,562	469,743	193,676	3,157,266
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147,158
Other Public Works	125,869	310,211	396,164	4,604,682
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	2,226,665	5,408,434	4,181,682	53,457,093
Advances to Settlers	(b) 99,253	(b) 217,129	10,144	3,908,473
Wire Netting Advances .. ..	..	16,004	16,019	917,752
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	..	..	1,000,000
Forestry	1,329,450	1,112,650	(d) 1,331,021	(d) 6,872,241
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	197	223	40,558	632,867
Other Primary Production	10,230	15,493	523	1,133,115
Other Purposes .. ..	..	58,112	(c) 945,883	1,454,945
Total Public Works, &c.	7,110,880	11,012,651	(d) 12,727,149	(d) 255,041,833
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	..	..	(d) 553,704	(d) 9,672,386
Grand Total	7,110,880	11,012,651	(d) 13,280,853	(d) 264,714,219

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief, £88,410 in 1946-47, and £182,001 in 1947-48.

(c) Including Overseas Purchase of Coal, £843,000.

(d) Revised figures.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1943	97,517	23,732	121,249	61 3 7
1944	122,682	31,205	153,887	77 9 7
1945	143,216	38,933	182,149	90 10 5
1946	163,723	47,603	211,326	104 2 2
1947	168,148	47,959	216,107	105 3 0
1948	177,781	48,620	226,401	108 5 10
1949	187,359	51,887	239,246	(b) 111 16 10
At 31st December, 1949 ..	191,690	54,324	246,014	(b) 115 0 2

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.	Mortgages Registered during Period.					
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
	Number.	Considera- tion (c).	Number.	Considera- tion (c).	Number.	Considera- tion (c).
Year ended 31st December—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1947	21,342	12,922	903	386	22,245	13,308
1948	21,926	17,263	849	556	22,775	17,819
1949	27,868	21,136	904	683	28,772	21,819
1948—						
March Quarter	4,698	4,064	180	151	4,878	4,215
June Quarter	5,617	4,787	197	137	5,814	4,924
September Quarter	5,885	4,185	243	156	6,128	4,341
December Quarter	5,726	4,227	229	112	5,955	4,339
1949—						
March Quarter	5,267	4,815	175	120	5,442	4,935
June Quarter	6,171	5,001	183	214	6,354	5,215
September Quarter	8,110	5,054	251	156	8,361	5,210
December Quarter	8,320	6,266	295	193	8,615	6,459

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under such Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1929.	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	844	1,044	737
Foreign	62	37	69	70	78
Mining	22	28	12	7	10
Total	1,010	602	925	1,121	825
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	21,632	35,606	32,072
Foreign	(a)	8,975	14,488	21,913	17,209
Mining	1	..	1,265	578	301
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	7,259	10,229	10,042	10,872	11,371
Foreign	899	643	856	913	977
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	24,518	27,382	29,431
Mining	244	1,097	395	326	153

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gippsland.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Averages 1911–1940 (a) ..	12·49	17·52	18·09	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28
Year—									
1945 ..	9·63	15·20	14·84	21·71	29·97	25·21	22·25	28·60	20·50
1946 ..	14·07	22·07	17·76	29·86	39·85	40·20	33·04	41·19	29·37
1947 ..	15·16	22·71	20·35	32·93	40·91	33·80	33·00	36·10	28·46
1948 ..	11·29	19·15	16·46	24·82	31·98	28·37	25·93	34·37	23·61
1949 ..	11·80	16·67	20·45	31·35	33·72	26·91	32·62	36·72	25·05
1949—									
January ..	0·17	0·45	0·25	0·96	0·97	1·31	1·41	3·42	1·14
February ..	1·62	3·28	2·50	4·46	2·14	3·44	3·49	3·26	2·84
March ..	1·25	0·70	3·20	4·54	4·60	1·35	4·79	4·31	2·76
April ..	0·07	0·09	0·27	0·49	1·11	0·80	0·99	1·17	0·60
May ..	2·35	1·97	1·44	1·34	2·38	2·52	2·46	2·97	2·28
June ..	0·35	0·72	0·83	1·28	1·59	1·93	2·22	4·11	1·63
July ..	1·13	1·69	1·81	2·57	3·27	1·98	2·32	3·53	2·22
August ..	0·32	0·68	0·53	1·07	1·33	1·46	1·24	1·53	1·00
September ..	1·13	1·48	1·59	2·44	2·94	1·93	1·97	1·60	1·79
October ..	2·39	3·27	4·38	6·06	7·54	5·84	5·72	4·43	4·68
November ..	0·95	2·18	3·42	5·68	5·27	3·62	5·13	5·17	3·58
December ..	0·07	0·16	0·23	0·46	0·58	0·73	0·88	1·22	0·53

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF ALL CROPS, 1947-48.

Crop.				Area.	Yield.				Gross Value.(a)
				Acres.					£
Wheat	..	..	..	3,227,162	46,962,385 bushels	..	..	..	32,130,370(b)
Oats	..	..	..	650,119	15,380,970 bushels	..	..	..	5,715,609
Barley—									
Malting (2 row)	..	..	..	149,567	3,253,774 bushels	..	..	..	2,313,742
Other (6 row)	..	..	..	14,622	322,997 bushels	..	..	..	187,066
Maize	..	..	..	7,968	323,984 bushels	..	..	..	162,467
Rye ..	..	..	..	8,148	49,554 bushels	..	..	..	37,166
Hay—									
Wheaten	..	..	..	52,020	75,942 tons	..	..	..	364,388
Oaten	..	..	..	340,036	511,831 tons	..	..	..	2,498,103
Lucerne, &c.	..	..	..	46,934	86,058 tons	..	..	..	567,110
Meadow	..	..	..	218,096	368,607 tons	..	..	..	1,874,342
Straw	..	..	..	..	30,000 tons	..	..	..	111,750
Grass and Clover Seed	..	..	..	11,746	17,893 cwt.	..	..	..	90,807
Canary Seed ..	..	..	..	36	240 cwt.	..	..	..	621
Peas for grain	..	..	..	9,676	259,110 bushels	..	..	..	155,505
Green Fodder	..	..	..	46,100	..	..	..	..	115,630
Potatoes	..	..	..	59,400	184,882 tons	..	..	..	2,251,590(c)
Onions	..	..	..	6,722	61,540 tons	..	..	..	904,887
Other Vegetables	..	..	..	35,907	..	..	..	..	3,369,105
Sugar Beet	..	..	..	553	6,362 tons of beet (584 tons of sugar)	..	..	..	19,086
Turnips, Beet, &c., for fodder	..	..	..	1,042	4,869 tons	..	..	..	38,952
Mangolds and Pumpkins	..	..	..	537	2,455 tons	..	..	..	12,275
Tobacco	..	..	..	958	1,162 cwt.	..	..	..	18,379
Hops	..	..	..	240	2,538 cwt.	..	..	..	41,451
Broom Millet	..	..	..	422	2,134 cwt. fibre	..	..	..	8,106
					1,095 cwt. seed	..	..	..	737
Chicory	..	..	..	442	540 tons	..	..	..	38,880
Flax	..	..	..	12,183	19,427 tons of straw	..	..	..	159,977
Orchards—									
Productive	..	..	..	57,943	..	..	..	..	3,578,524
Unproductive	..	..	..	13,570	..	..	..	..	..
Grapes—									
Table	..	..	..	1,470	4,328 tons	..	..	..	151,480
Wine	..	..	..	6,327	16,329 tons	..	..	..	253,309
Drying	..	..	..	33,641	Wine made 2,958,292 gallons	..	..	..	..
					213,457 tons producing—	..	..	..	..
					41,971 tons of sultanas	..	..	..	2,878,877
					5,189 tons of raisins	..	..	..	332,208
					8,086 tons of currants	..	..	..	461,709
Vines, unproductive	..	..	..	2,346	..	..	..	..	..
Other Crops	..	..	..	7,156	..	..	..	..	406,030
Total Crops	..	..	..	5,023,149	..	..	..	..	61,250,238

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Includes Flour Tax payments.

(c) Includes Subsidies.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.		For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.								
1944-45	..	Acres. 2,141,729	Acres. 722,169	Acres. 129,054	Acres. 901,983	Acres. 83,238	Acres. 34,220	Acres. 55,246
1945-46	..	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000	33,607	56,512
1946-47	..	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	677,787	56,400	33,808	56,869
1947-48	..	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	657,146	59,400	33,641	57,943
1948-49	..	2,995,705	539,603	195,779	(c) 591,341	45,785	34,371	57,868
Total Production.								
1944-45	..	Bushels. 3,497,677	Bushels. 1,335,429	Bushels. 359,536	Tons. 704,246	Tons. 305,216	Tons (d) 39,934	..
1945-46	..	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749	49,430	..
1946-47	..	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	985,224	223,782	43,303	..
1947-48	..	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	1,042,438	184,882	55,246	..
1948-49	..	49,063,560	7,489,601	3,547,691	933,983	166,105	43,672	..
Average Yield per Acre.								
1944-45	..	Bushels. 1·63	Bushels. 1·85	Bushels. 2·79	Tons. 0·78	Tons. 3·67	Tons (d) 1·17	..
1945-46	..	9·11	14·47	13·00	1·36	3·66	1·47	..
1946-47	..	13·99	14·10	16·82	1·45	3·97	1·28	..
1947-48	..	14·55	23·66	21·78	1·59	3·11	1·64	..
1948-49	..	16·38	13·88	18·12	1·58	3·63	1·27	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes, and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1948-49 amounted to 1,558, 6,135, and 3,545 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1948-49 was 13,878 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 37,690 acres and oaten 284,305 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—			Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
				All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945	..	..	253,782	1,364,202	538,908	1,903,110	296,232	16,457,101
1946	..	..	232,473	1,299,769	527,318	1,827,087	271,887	14,655,277
1947	..	..	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	290,450	16,598,490
1948	..	..	221,454	1,476,379	697,824	2,174,203	271,492	17,931,173
1949	..	..	213,090	1,513,292	711,251	2,224,543	223,823	19,170,312

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.			Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price, per lb.
			lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1943-44	163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073	16·24		
1944-45	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369	16·06		
1945-46	109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048	15·00		
1946-47	150,807,569	46,268,669	197,076,238	18,708,593	22·78		
1947-48	157,866,750	33,137,130	191,003,880	29,851,792	37·51		
1948-49	165,192,428	30,212,458	195,404,886	37,105,206	45·57		

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.(c)
Factories	No. 9,250	No. 10,949	No. 11,642	No. 12,691
Persons employed (a)—				
Males	136,218	188,758	199,003	208,222
Females	65,613	76,999	79,258	83,907
Total	201,831	265,757	278,261	292,129
Wages paid (b)—	£'000.	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males	29,006	63,035	76,312	90,774
Females	7,021	14,959	17,490	21,645
Total	36,027	77,994	93,802	112,419
Value of—	£'000.	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	7,201	8,340	10,619
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	6,516	7,449	8,979
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	170,224	203,122	244,477
Production (net)	65,996	131,496	158,501	182,754
Output	152,968	315,437	377,412	446,829
Land and buildings	42,026	62,752	66,229	73,384
Machinery and plant	38,570	59,125	65,829	76,080

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.(a)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000	£'000.
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	2,189	3,051	3,594
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	1,886	2,201	2,399
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils and grease	4,462	8,208	10,093	11,133
Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances	16,460	37,584	47,801	57,076
Precious metals, jewellery and plate	547	1,044	1,429	1,821
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	14,350	17,259	19,017
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	3,252	3,280	3,828
Clothing	7,865	15,860	18,887	22,808
Food, drink and tobacco	12,610	22,330	25,082	26,257
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	5,090	6,686	7,918
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	2,135	2,682	3,219
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	4,930	8,566	9,669	11,933
Rubber	1,573	2,542	3,194	3,534
Musical instruments	24	40	57	95
Miscellaneous products	722	3,386	3,840	4,375
Heat, light and power	2,328	3,034	3,290	3,747
Total	65,996	131,496	158,501	182,754

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—Salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1947-48.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£ s. d.
Agriculture	61,250	5,874	55,376	7,203	48,173	23 5 8
Pastoral	47,144	4,155	42,989	1,675	41,314	19 19 4
Dairying (e)	23,548	877	22,671	2,975	19,696	9 10 4
Poultry and Bee Farming	8,755	669	8,086	1,915	6,171	2 19 8
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	8,676	767	7,909	(c) 530	7,379	3 11 4
Mining	3,341	244	3,097	800	2,297	1 2 2
Total Primary ..	152,714	12,586	140,128	15,098	125,030	60 8 6
Manufacturing (d) ..	158,501	..	158,501	..	158,501	76 12 0
Total all Industries ..	311,215	12,586	298,629	15,098	283,531	137 0 6

(a) Gross value is defined as the value placed on recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stockfeed, seed costs, and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation and maintenance costs.

(c) Incomplete.

(d) Manufacturing is included at its net or added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agri-culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu-facturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1937-38 ..	8 0 10	9 19 2	5 12 10	1 11 10	1 2 0	0 18 6	34 17 4	62 2 6
1938-39 ..	2 19 11	8 1 8	5 6 3	1 13 6	0 18 1	0 18 7	35 3 11	55 1 11
1939-40 ..	6 6 0	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 12 5
1940-41 ..	3 14 0	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 15 10
1941-42 ..	7 18 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 5 10
1942-43 ..	9 13 0	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 9 1
1943-44 ..	8 1 6	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 2 7
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	10 1 8	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	93 19 7
1946-47 ..	14 6 11	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	108 12 11
1947-48 ..	23 5 8	19 19 4	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	137 0 6

**STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.**

Period.	Brown Coal Won.		Briquettes Manufactured.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Yallourn Open Cut.	Yallourn North Open Cut.		Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	Tons'000	Tons'000	Tons'000	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions
1938-39 Year ..	3,643	(a)	400	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1945-46 " ..	5,449	49	493	185·7	1,408·9	1,594·6	185·2	1,329·1	1,514·3
1946-47 " ..	5,618	133	490	206·2	1,484·8	1,691·0	205·8	1,399·0	1,604·8
1947-48 " ..	5,994	197	545	230·2	1,674·3	1,904·5	228·0	1,582·1	1,810·1
1948-49 " ..	6,235	472	559	183·6	1,964·4	2,148·0	181·2	1,857·8	2,039·0
1947-48—									
March Quarter ..	1,400	45	129	37·0	385·4	422·4	36·6	364·1	400·7
June Quarter ..	1,606	66	141	36·8	494·7	531·5	36·1	469·0	505·1
1948-49—									
September Quarter	1,628	121	143	56·4	493·8	550·2	55·6	467·3	522·9
December Quarter	1,456	100	129	72·7	434·5	507·2	71·9	410·2	482·1
March Quarter ..	1,511	109	139	32·7	472·3	505·0	32·2	447·0	479·2
June Quarter ..	1,640	142	148	21·8	563·8	585·6	21·5	533·3	554·8
1949-50—									
September Quarter	1,683	217	158	44·5	566·5	611·0	43·8	535·3	579·1
December Quarter	1,487	176	131	72·5	483·0	555·5	71·7	454·5	526·2

(a) No operations during 1938-39.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

**GREATER MELBOURNE (a)—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.
(New Series.)**

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1938 Year	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 "	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1941 "	6,193	6,849	250	921	5,392	1,403	11,835	9,173
1942 "	262	225	58	260	2,135	636	2,455	1,121
1943 "	80	43	39	513	3,450	550	3,569	1,106
1944 "	263	177	30	126	6,398	895	6,691	1,198
1945 "	1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946 "	7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947 "	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 "	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 "	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1948—								
March Quarter ..	1,831	3,077	99	274	1,430	728	3,360	4,079
June Quarter ..	2,664	4,589	93	572	1,572	452	4,329	5,613
September Quarter ..	2,067	3,681	90	494	1,614	649	3,771	4,824
December Quarter ..	1,969	3,490	89	320	1,474	388	3,532	4,198
1949—								
March Quarter ..	2,660	4,853	77	691	1,627	478	4,364	6,022
June Quarter ..	3,021	5,723	96	370	1,676	507	4,793	6,600
September Quarter ..	2,662	5,028	67	401	1,810	686	4,539	6,115
December Quarter ..	2,425	4,787	91	384	1,807	471	4,323	5,642

(a) The particulars are in respect of municipalities and parts of municipalities in the metropolitan area re-defined from 1st January, 1947. The statement is, therefore, not comparable with information shown on page 30 of the *Quarterly Abstract of Statistics* for December, 1946 (No. 1).

Note—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1941 " " " "	424	351	31	100	530	117	985	568
1942 " " " "	57	41	12	20	264	29	333	90
1943 " " " "	6	3	11	29	361	46	378	78
1944 " " " "	30	15	19	23	474	91	523	129
1945 " " " "	218	206	23	34	646	94	887	334
1946 " " " "	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 " " " "	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1948 " " " "	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 " " " "	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1948—								
March Quarter ..	162	237	11	14	194	41	367	292
June Quarter ..	217	318	7	156	198	59	422	533
September Quarter ..	232	345	6	207	212	53	450	605
December Quarter ..	189	303	9	66	228	98	426	467
1949—								
March Quarter ..	255	414	10	236	255	61	520	711
June Quarter ..	313	502	15	189	310	57	638	748
September Quarter ..	263	476	5	48	344	64	612	588
December Quarter ..	229	401	11	112	240	93	480	606

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Shepparton, and Warrnambool, and the Town of Sale.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1941-42 ..	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768
1941-42 Year ..	90	..	90	322	81	403
1942-43 " " " "	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 " " " "	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 " " " "	747	345	1,092	539	115	654
1945-46 " " " "	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 " " " "	2,069	930	2,999	893	552	1,445
1947-48 " " " "	1,281	919	2,200	1,416	809	2,225
1948-49 " " " "	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1948-49—						
September Quarter ..	361	243	604	423	185	608
December Quarter ..	208	123	331	445	301	746
March Quarter ..	222	65	287	241	184	425
June Quarter ..	430	195	625	344	234	578
1949-50—						
September Quarter ..	(b) 278	(b) 192	(b) 470	445	305	750
December Quarter ..	(b) 468	(b) 243	(b) 711	477	254	731
Total to 31st December, 1949 ..	(b) 9,272	(b) 4,142	(b) 13,414	7,345	3,278	10,623

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Subject to revision.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.